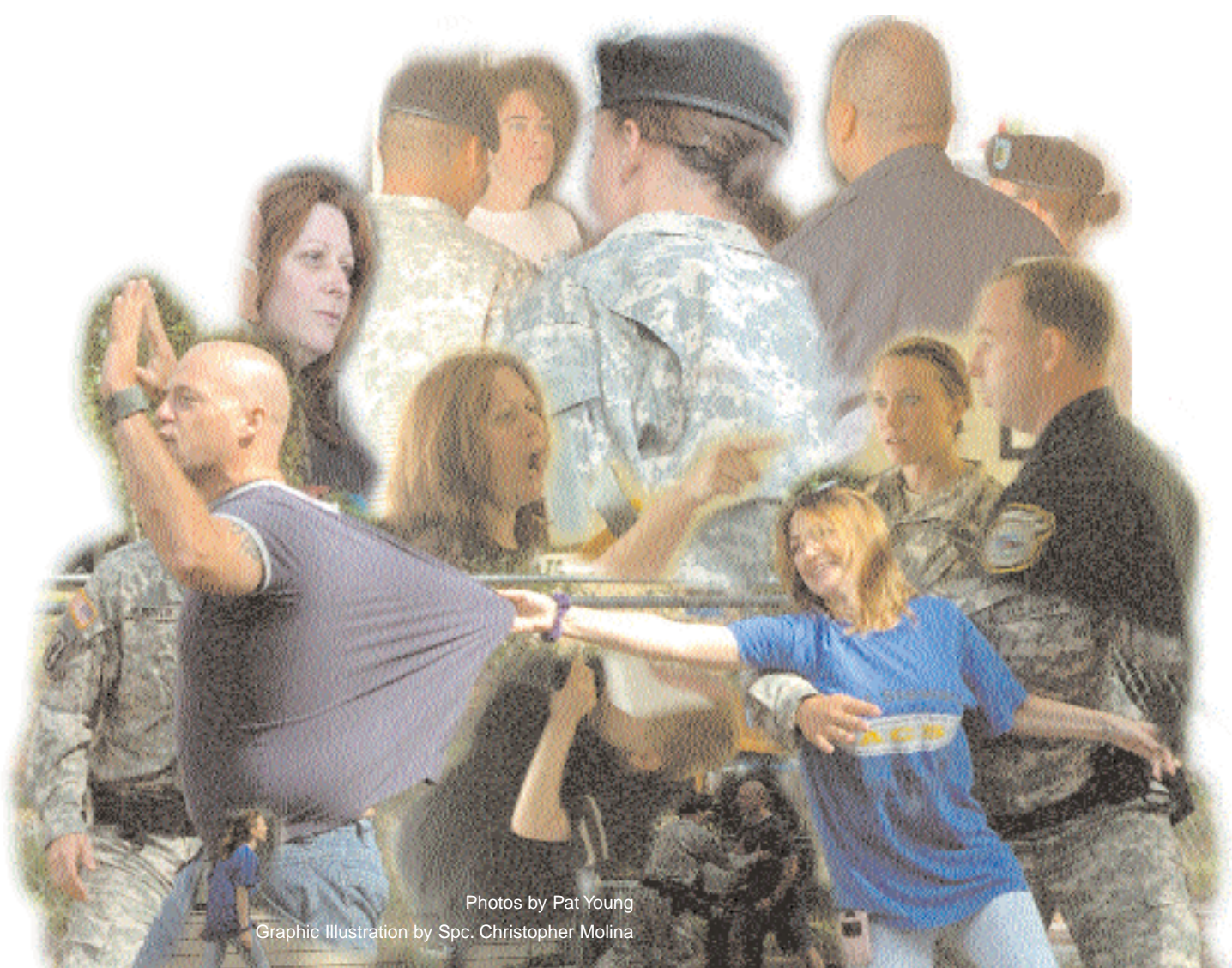


Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Mayors help DES train outside the box



Photos by Pat Young
Graphic Illustration by Spc. Christopher Molina

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

A Family returns from picking up an in-law at the airport to find the front door open, a window broken, and some items taken from the house. Their home has been burglarized.

This situation and others scenarios were part of the Department of Emergency Services Supervisory level training course held at Fort Stewart last week.

The training was geared to make patrol supervisors more proficient at managing a shift. Supervisors were called to respond to various incidents, such as traffic accidents, domestic disturbances, juvenile issues, and even an active shooter scenario.

“Over the three-day course we took our police supervisors and conducted training on all SOP’s, (standard operating procedures) regulations and the duties and responsibilities of a patrol supervisor,” said Police Chief Gregory Odden, Fort Stewart DES. “Day two we conducted training on how to respond to an active shooter, where they learned to work together as a team to enter a building and search for and apprehend the suspect.”

On the third day of training they were put through different scenarios that patrols would normally respond to while on shift.

The training gave patrol supervisors an opportunity to respond to realistic scenes, one after the other, complete with responding units and individual role-players.

Odden said supervisors had to get a quick brief to increase their situational awareness.

“(Supervisors) will take charge and direct their patrols as needed to conduct an initial investigation and handle any situation that

may arise at this incident,” Odden said.

DES turned to the housing mayors for assistance. Several housing mayors including Becky Ponton, Kara Casto, Lina Mitchell-Davis, and Misty Lammers volunteered to help. Several of them volunteered their residences and their Families as actors in a number of scenarios.

“By involving the local community in our training we not only provide realistic training for police officers but also familiarize local residence on police procedures,” Odden said.

The housing mayors volunteered for various reasons, but agreed the class was a win-win situation for everyone.

“I think this training is great,” said Becky Ponton, Southern Oaks housing mayor. “It gives police a better understanding of the neighborhoods, and an idea of the housing layouts.”

Ponton, who role played a victim of burglary, understands how law enforcement actions are important.

“When I was in college, and didn’t live on-post, my residence was burglarized,” Ponton said. “It was really scary. And it took a long time for the police to arrive. Living on Fort Stewart, I feel much more secure. The police here are responsive, professional and courteous.”

Kara Casto, vice mayor for Liberty Woods Housing area, and her children, daughter Kelly, 16, and sons Khaelin, 5, and Cameron, 2, role played a child neglect scenario.

“It was fun and interesting to see how they (the police) oper-

ate,” Casto said. “It was definitely fun to be part of it. I tried to throw a couple of curve balls at them, to see how they would react, and they responded like professionals.”

Marne Wood Mayor Lina Mitchell-Davis wanted to help the police for personal reasons. She said her grandfather, whom she admired greatly - the late Sergeant Major James W. Pugh, served in the Army, MP Corps, for nearly 30 years. She said Pugh had a philosophy - “Train your Soldiers.”

“It’s awesome to be able to help in that mission,” Mitchell-Davis said. “It’s great to help out.” Mitchell-Davis played the part of a spouse involved in a domestic disturbance with the housing areas vice-mayor, Misty Lammers, as a next-door neighbor/witness.

“With short notice, several of them (housing mayors) jumped in to help out,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Smith, Director of Emergency Services. “There is no better place to train than inside the quarters – with real furniture, real people, and life-like situations. These scenarios are a great way for patrol supervisors to learn. If it was not for the Mayors, we would be doing this in a grass field with engineer tape.”

The supervisors who were subjected to the training agree training outside the box is helpful.

“It’s realistic. It helps the supervisors when they have to respond the real situation,” said Sgt. Keith Place, 10 years in law enforcement, seven as an MP.

Hats off to Savannah, Long County high school graduates



Nondice Powell

Members of the Herschel V. Jenkins High School graduating class of 2007 burst into celebration after Principal Lang Brannen presented the class of more than 300 members of the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools Board for recognition as graduates at their graduation ceremony May 26 at the Savannah Civic Center. Fifty students in the graduating class are members of military Families from Hunter Army Airfield.



Mike Riddle

Teachers congratulate students as Long County High School conducted its 2007 graduation ceremony May 25 with 102 seniors receiving diplomas at Veterans Stadium. The class of 2007 was the largest graduating class in the history of the school, and that was obvious as the home bleachers were packed to capacity, and other well-wishers lined the fence and sat across the field in the visitors’ stands.

Discounts offered to Families of deployed Soldiers

Nondice Powell
Hunter Public Affairs

Family members of deployed servicemembers from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield can take part in a new discount program offered by the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, effective in July. The Blue Star Support Program will provide discounts beyond those currently given to servicemembers and their Families.

The program is modeled after the Blue Star Deployment Discount Card offered to Family members of deployed servicemembers in Hawaii according to Trip Tollison, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce existing industry and legislative affairs vice president.

“The Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and the Military Affairs Council are coordinating this program,” said Tollison. “Hopefully businesses will provide at least 20-percent discounts on goods and services throughout the Savannah area.”

The tradition of Families hanging a Blue Star Service Banner in their window to represent an immediate Family member deployed during a time of war or hostilities resulted in the discount initiative named the Blue Star Support Program. According to the American Legion Web site, www.legion.org, the banner was “designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Quissener of the 5th Ohio Infantry, who had two sons serving on the front line.” The ban-

ner went from representing children deployed overseas to include any Family member deployed overseas.

“We, as well as the military, want to do everything we can to encourage deployed Families to stay near their home bases so the local military can provide them with the best possible physical, emotional and moral support,” said Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce Chair Mark Spadoni, in a letter to members of the chamber. “We, in the Savannah community, can understand the challenges of a divided Family and those of us at the Chamber will do all that we can to provide real support to the loved ones left behind.”

The input of the community, 3rd Infantry Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Rick

Lynch and others within the 3rd Inf. Div., helped bring the program to the area. The installation will receive the discount cards over the next several weeks and will be in charge of handing the cards out to Family members.

The program is only valid during the time of deployment and is currently scheduled to end Dec 31, 2008. A list of the discounts offered is expected to be published to the Web site, www.savannahbluestar.com, during the first week of July. Among them is a 40 percent discount at the River Street Inn, a 30 percent discount at the Ocean Plaza Beach Resort, and a 50 percent discount at the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, Jepson Center for the Arts and Owens-Thomas House.

Pets of the Week



Paris and her five-week-old kittens and Chip and Dale, two domestic short haired-kittens are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



MWR Briefs

Babysitting class for teens offered

Learn practical babysitting skills such as first aid, CPR, and how to start your own babysitting business. Cost is \$10. Youth must be age 13 or older and must attend all three classes in order to be certified. The classes are 8:50 a.m. to 1:10 p.m., June 4; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 5; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 6. For more information, call 767-5395.

Enjoy Play Day at Corkan Family recreation

Let your little one experience bowling; ages 0-3. Ramps available! Cost is \$2 for adults and children play for free at Stewart lanes, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 5.

The 2007 Army Soldier Show visits Hunter

The Army Soldier Show will appear at Hunter Army Airfield 7 p.m. June 6, at Hunter Fitness Center. Enjoy an evening full of fun and entertainment. Admission is free. Register for the best seats in the house at Hunter Leisure

Travel office.

A cast party will be held after the show at 9 p.m. at the Hunter Club. Come for cake, autographs and to meet the cast. For more information, call 368-2212.

Have fun at the Youth Fishing Derby

Enjoy fishing, face painting, arts and crafts, games, prizes and more 7 to 11 a.m., June 9 at Pond 30. The derby is open to participants ages 16 and under.

Youth fishing licenses and post permits have been waived for the event. Interested participants can register at Pass and Permit, Bldg 8091. For more information, call 767-5145.

Get in shape with MWR's Aqua Aerobics Class

MWR is offering water aerobics 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 767-3034 at Stewart or 315-2819 at Hunter.



AAFES PRESENTS

MAY 31 THROUGH JUNE 6



Pathfinder

Today — 7 p.m.

(Karl Urban, Moon Bloodgood)

A thousand years in the past, a young Norse boy is left behind after his clan shipwrecks on the Eastern shores. Despite his lineage, the boy is raised by the very Indians his kinsmen set out to destroy.

Now, as the Vikings return to stage another barbaric raid on his village, the 25-year-old Norse warrior wages a personal war to stop the Vikings' trail of death and destruction. Forging his own path, his destiny is revealed and his identity re-claimed. Rated R (strong brutal violence) 99 min

Vacancy

Friday — 6 p.m.

Saturday — 6 p.m.

(Luke Wilson, Kate Beckinsale)

When David and Amy's car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, they are forced to spend the night at the only motel around, with only the TV to entertain them... until they discover that the low-budget slasher movies they're watching were all filmed in the very room they're sitting in.

With hidden cameras now aimed at them... trapping them in rooms, crawl-spaces, underground tunnels... and filming their every move, David and Amy must struggle to get out alive before whomever is watching them can finish their latest masterpiece. Rated R (brutal violence, terror, nudity, language) 97 min

Fracture

Friday — 8 p.m.

Saturday — 8 p.m.

(Sir Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling)

When Ted Crawford discovers that his beautiful younger wife, Jennifer, is having an affair, he plans her murder-the perfect murder. Among the cops arriving at the crime scene is hostage negotiator Detective Rob Nunally, the only officer permitted entry to the house. Surprisingly, Crawford readily admits to shooting his wife, but Nunally is too stunned to pay close attention when he recognizes his lover, whose true identity he never knew, lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Although Jennifer was shot at point blank range, Nunally realizes she isn't dead. Rated R (language, violent content) 113 min

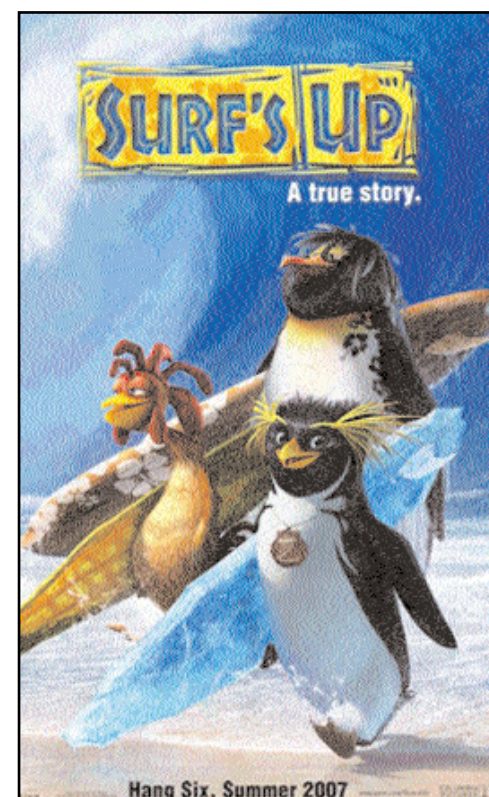
In the Land of Women

Sunday — 6 p.m.

Wednesday — 7 p.m.

(Adam Brody, Meg Ryan)

For as long as he could remember, Carter Webb had been falling in love with women. He found everything he was looking for in Sophia and for a little while he was happy. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be. When Carter is dumped by Sophia, he sees his entire life flash before his eyes. He moves to suburban Michigan to care for his ailing grandmother. Grandma offers Carter a uniquely different perspective on life and death. Rated PG-13 (sexual content, thematic elements, language) 97 min



Watch Surf's Up, for free

You are cordially invited to attend a special free screening at Woodruff Reel Time theater, at 10 a.m., June 9. There will be free popcorn and drink. Tickets are available at AAFES Food Court and Burger King. The film, rated PG is a Sony Picture production.

Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

HEALTH W•A•C•H

Winn Army Community Hospital

Stay safe in the summer sun, avoid skin cancer

David N. Tornberg, MD, MPH

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Clinical and Program Policy

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month—a perfect time for me to remind you to protect your skin during the summer months. The risk of acquiring most skin cancers, including melanoma, may be reduced by routinely protecting your skin from the sun.

Melanoma is a deadly form of skin cancer, usually starting in a non-cancerous mole, though it may also appear where no mole existed before. Melanoma usually begins as a mottled, light brown or flat, brown blemish with irregular borders that may turn shades of red, blue or white.

A changing or growing mole or a new mole should be checked promptly by a physician. The American Academy of Dermatology advises consultation with a dermatologist if moles or pigmented spots exhibit any of the following characteristics. Just remember A-B-C-D:

A for Asymmetry: One half is unlike the other half.

B for Border: The edge is irregular, notched or scalloped.

C for Color: It varies from one area to another; shades of tan and brown; sometimes white, red or blue.

D for Diameter: It is usually larger than a pencil eraser (greater than 6mm in diameter) when diagnosed, but may be smaller. Moles that are different from others, change, itch or bleed (even if small) should be checked.

In men, melanomas are often found between the shoulders and hips, or the head and neck area. In women, melanoma often develops on the lower legs or between the shoulders and hips. However, melanoma can appear anywhere on the skin.

Who is at risk?

Many factors may increase your risk for developing melanoma, including:

- Many freckles
- Fair skin, light eyes
- Severe, blistering sunburns as a child or adult
- Family history of melanoma
- History of having melanoma
- Non-cancerous, unusual looking moles
- More than 50 moles on the skin
- A weakened immune system
- Exposure to ultraviolet radiation from tanning salons and tanning beds

How can you prevent melanoma?

To protect your skin:

- Use sun block (SPF 30, and reapply every two hours).
- Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when ultraviolet radiation levels are highest.
- Wear a hat, protective clothing and sunglasses.
- Don't go to tanning salons.

Winn Briefs

TRICARE Service Center open

The TRICARE Service Center is located at 852 Harmon Ave., Bldg. 202 Fort Stewart, GA. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 1-800-444-5445.

TRICARE For Life

Are you 65 or over or about to turn 65? If so, please stop by the TRICARE Service Center at 852 Harmon Ave., Bldg. 202, Fort Stewart to receive more information about what TRICARE For Life benefits are available for you. Information can also be obtained by calling 1-866-773-0404.

Sports physicals offered

School sports physicals are available by appointment during normal clinic hours Monday through Friday at Winn's Pediatrics and Family Practice clinic. Please bring the sports physical form from the school to your appointment.

To schedule a sports physical, call the appointment line, 435-6633.

Obstetrics registration class

If you have had a positive pregnancy test, the obstetrics registration classes will give you the opportunity to ask questions, take initial lab tests, create your OB medical records and schedule your first appointment with your health care team.

The classes are held at Winn from 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. At Tuttle, classes are held at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays. For more information or to register, call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Patient advisory opportunity

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Come and join the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn or Tuttle.

Winn's meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Marne Room at Club Stewart. RSVP by Wednesday to Linda King at 435-6225 or at

linda.king2@se.amedd.army.mil.

Tuttle's meeting is scheduled for Sept. 27 at noon at the Hunter Club.

RSVP by Sept. 22 to Brandon Yarber at 315-5731 or contact him at brandon.yarber@se.amedd.army.mil.

BIRTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

April 27

• **Terrance Allen Cobb, Jr.**, a boy, 6 pounds, born to Staff Sgt. Terrance and Alexandra Cobb.

April 30

• **Konnor Isaac Dean Holcomb**, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Brent Holcomb and Pfc. Stacie Payne.

May 9

• **Aiden Parker Denman**, a boy, 9 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Nathan and Kristen Denman.

• **TiKira Nichelle Lake**, a girl, 5 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Terrance Lake and Sgt. Andrea Lake.

• **Emma Ann Skipper**, a girl, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Bryan and Frances Skipper.

• **Ceilidh Rose Smith**, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Jeffrey and Heather Smith.

• **Marilyn-Marie Virginia Villa**, a girl, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Bernard and Mandie Villa.

May 10

• **Golden Elizabeth Franklin**, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Travis Franklin, Sr. and Shawander Franklin.

• **Ansley Morgan Padgett**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pfc. James and Heather Padgett.

• **Benjamin James Tyson**, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Jonathon and Melanie Tyson.

May 11

• **Joshua Riley Hendershot, Jr.**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Joshua and Alma Hendershot.

• **Kara Michelle Holbrook**, a girl, 9

pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Michael and Sarah Holbrook.

• **Zachary Wayne Whorton**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Hank and Yuliya Whorton.

May 12

• **Landon Zachariah DeLuna**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Manuel and Cassandra DeLuna.

• **Aryana Bella Rosa BonVino**, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pvt. Anthony and Ashley BonVino.

• **Lucy Malia Opperman**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Mark and Nikki Opperman.

May 13

Gabrielle Naomie Sernowdla Lightbourne, a girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Feddia Lightbourne.

Blake Matthew Whitman, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Trevor and Amanda Whitman.

Seek God’s blessing in marriage



Chap. (Capt.) Pratima Dharm
3rd Brigade Support Battalion

Marriage is perhaps the oldest institution on earth. And yet, we continue to struggle against the very rules of commitment, that make the promise of marriage binding on the two people who choose to enter it, to this day.

In ancient and medieval times, marriage was not only a promise between the bride and groom but also their respective Families. It was very important to seek the blessings of the elders from both sides of the Family before entering the sacred bonds of marriage. And most of all it was important to seek the approval of God and his blessings in prayer upon the newlyweds. This ensured that the couple would not treat their promises to remain within the bounds of marriage lightly even when tough times pounded its very foundations.

No wonder marriages tended to last longer despite the many personal trials and tribulations faced by the couple in the course of their marriage.

Today couples rush into marriage without consulting their respective Families and most importantly the approval and blessings of God.

This means that they tend to treat their marriage more as a legal contract gained in the office of a Justice of Peace than as a sacred promise made to each other in the name of the Holy Living God. This also ensures that in times of stress and conflict that most marriages tend to face, the marriage becomes susceptible to a breakup.

Instead of making a marriage stronger, these very trials become the triggers for blames, nasty name-calls and character assassinations.

Couples are faced with the gruesome decision of divorce and often submit to this evil institu-

tion, rather than keeping the marriage together in the sacred institution of marriage under God.

I pray that all couples would seek God's blessings and those they can trust to help them make the right decision, when it comes to choosing a life partner. This also means, that when hard times come knocking on the door, couples would be guided by the grace of God in finding spiritual support to help heal the cracks in their marriage.

Instead of finding themselves fighting the battles of their marriage alone, they would consult (Family and friends) and other resources (such as social workers, psychologists, counselors etc.) that will restore their marriage to a healthful state.

Scriptures encourages us to seek God in all things and matters in our lives so that every desire of our hearts shall be given to us! Just as **Psalms 37: 4** says, *“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	.5 p.m.

Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Victory	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	.9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	.11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Marne	.10 a.m.

Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	.1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		

Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	.11:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	.11 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	.9 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.
 Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.
 Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry Junior and Senior High Students!

Join us for free games and pizza
 6:30 - 8 p.m. Sunday,
 at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.
 For more information,
 call 877-7207.



Kids Church

Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday

at School Age Services
 (across from Diamond Elementary)

For all kids Grade K-6

Scheduled Bus Pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

Questions?

Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831

Protestant Women of the Chapel

The PWOC holds a Summer Bible Study 10 a.m. to Noon, Every Wednesday, through July 25 at Marne Chapel. For more information call Sara Fisher at (616) 204-6519.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m., free at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, Upstairs, Jefferson and West St. Julian Streets, free 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1-3 p.m. at W. Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit www.savannahsabda.org

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - sign up at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 233-5348 for more information.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square.

Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938.

Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Literary activities are held at various times now through May, free. Call 233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4-8 p.m. Call 925-7116.

The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets, which are \$6, are available an hour before showtime.

Visit Armstrong Arboretum

Armstrong Atlantic State University has an arboretum, which encompasses the 250 acre campus and displays more than 100 species of trees and 200 species of shrubs and other woody plants.

The Fern Collection, featuring 23 varieties of native and non-native ferns, is on the west side of Jenkins Hall. The recently completed Ginger Collection focuses on seven groups of ginger plants and is at the south end of Hawes Hall. For more information or to schedule an educational tour, call AASU's plant operations at 921-5472.

Free dance lessons offered

Free ballroom dancing lessons are being offered at Club Stewart from 7 to 9 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month by the Moon

River Dancers Association in Savannah. It is for Soldiers and their Families. Couples and singles welcome.

No registration is required. For more information, call 767-8609.

Also, if you're into ballroom dancing and don't mind the drive, the Seaside Dance Association in St. Simons Island has dances at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through the summer at Blanche's Courtyard starting.

The association also hosts a dance on the last Sunday of each month at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, in the grand dining room. Instruction starts at 5:15 p.m., and seating for the dinner and dance starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call 634-9527 or e-mail to SeasideDance@bellsouth.net.

Traveling Wall visits Savannah

The traveling version of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial will make its way to the Coastal Empire. Half the size of the original structure located in Washington, DC, "The Wall That Heals" is etched with the more than 58,000 names of those who died in the war.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled June 14 at Emmet Park in Savannah and events will wrap up the following Sunday, June 17. Leisure Services City of Savannah is sponsoring the event and it will be hosted by the Vietnam Veteran's of America Chapter 671. Call 927-3356 or visit www.vvmf.org for more information.

Chess, anyone?

Adults and children alike are invited to play chess in the Statesboro Mall from 3-5 p.m. every Sunday. Chess in the mall is hosted by the Ogeechee River Scholastic Chess Association and school chess clubs throughout Bulloch County. For more information email www.chess85.tripod.com or j-lutz@enia.net or call 764-9770. Also, Robert Lott is trying to stir interest in the game around Hinesville. If you're interested in playing, and possibly forming a club, call 876-4715.

Visit Georgia's natural springs

Georgia's state parks and historic sites host three natural springs that have helped shape the state and our culture.

The best known is Warm Springs. The town of Warm Springs was host to Georgia's high society during the early 1900s, and it became the vacation home of Franklin D. Roosevelt after he sought relief from polio in the warm, therapeutic water. Today, his home and the pools are part of the Little White House State Historic Site. Just off I-75 in middle Georgia is Indian Springs State Park, thought to be the oldest state park in the nation.

The Civilian Conservation Corp built many of the park's facilities, including the spring house where people still gather today to fill jugs with the mineral water. In addition to the springs and rich history, visitors will enjoy the park's campground, cottages, museum, lake-side swimming beach and picnic areas.

In the east central town of Millen is Magnolia Springs State Park, known for crystal clear springs flowing seven-million gallons per day.

This pretty park features a freshwater aquarium with native species of fish, reptiles and amphibians, as well as picnic areas, cottages, a campground, small boating lake, and trails for hiking and biking. For more information contact the FDR's Little White House Historic Site, Warm Springs at 706-655-5870, www.FDR-LittleWhiteHouse.com, Indian Springs State Park, Flovilla at 770-504-2277, www.GaStateParks.org, Magnolia Springs State Park, Millen at 478-982-1660 or www.GaStateParks.org.

Visit the Healing Field

The Raising Our Children Kindly group will host the second annual Memorial Healing Field Flag Display, June 22-24 at the National Guard Armory in Savannah. A flag will be flown for each child reported abused and neglected in Chatham County in 2006.

A new addition in 2007 is a Soldiers Memorial Field at the center of the Healing Field. One flag will be placed for each Soldier from Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield that has lost a life in the current conflict. Right now that number is 326 of our troops. Each flag will have a yellow ribbon bearing the Soldier's name in addition to the name of an abused child on a blue ribbon. The Soldiers Memorial Field will be enhanced with white fencing.

Also new this year will be a Flag of Honor and a Flag of Heroes Memorial. The Flag of Honor bears the names of each victim of Sept. 11 attacks from all four planes, the pentagon, and the twin towers.

In addition, individuals can purchase a flag to be flown in the healing field in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one.

Camp at Tybee's fresh air home

Applications are now being accepted for military children to attend one of four free sessions for the two-week camp (June 4-15, June 18-28, July 2-13 and July 16-27) at Tybee Beach in Savannah for children ages 4 to 11. Call 786-4886 to get your application mailed to you. For additional information about the camp, call Pam Perez, pastoral and religious education coordinator at Hunter Chapel at 315-5440.

Colleges host Summer Band Camp

Georgia College & State University, located in Milledgeville, is the perfect place for summer music camps. Perfect not only because of its location in the heart of Georgia, but also because of its beautiful 112-year-old campus, great facilities, excellent residential halls and exceptional food service. The GC&SU campus has a long history of hosting music events and summer workshops.

Go to <http://turing.gcsu.edu/~bands/band-camp.html>

- Symphonic Band Camp: For rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. June 17-21.
- Drum Major/Leadership Academy: For Rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. June 17-21.
- Jazz Band Camp: For rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. June 10-14.
- Middle School Band Camp: For rising 7th, 8th and 9th grades. June 24-28.

The deadline to submit camp applications is June 1.

Marching Band Camp slated

Leadership, Drum Major, Marching Percussion - Grades 9-12 for twirlers, Dancers, & Colorguard - All Ages. June 10-15. Visit www.uga.edu/music/summermarchingband-camp/.

All-Sports Academy offered

Combines summer fun and recreation with athletic and educational experiences. Two-week programs for ages 6 - 12 at Armstrong Atlantic State University (Savannah) 927-5336.

Don Eddy Basketball Camp slated

Features the shooting game and one-on-one game for boys and girls ages 8 to 18 by Georgia Southern University (Statesboro) July 8-13. <http://www.debb.com/>.

Basketball Camp by AASU coach

AASU head coach Jeff Burkhamer conducts clinics that emphasize basic basketball fundamentals that will help make players successful at the high school level and beyond.

Armstrong Atlantic State University (Savannah) June 11 - 14, and June 11 - 14 for boys ages 6 - 14.

August 6 - 9 for boys and girls ages 6 - 14. June 25-29 for girls ages 8-17 (conducted by AASU's women's basketball coach) Call 927-5336 for more information.

AASU Tennis Camp slated

Taught by AASU's tennis coach, Simon Earnshaw for all levels of play.

Armstrong Atlantic State University (Savannah). August 20 - 24 for ages 10 and older. 927-5336.



Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

I've had the great pleasure of writing theatre and film criticism since college, when I worked for my school newspaper. The number one bit of criticism I've received from readers has always been, "Sasha, you like everything!" It is true, I'm a fan of film, and usually have positive things to say about what I watch. Like most film buffs, I also just avoid movies I think I won't like. I'm also more excited to tell people what to watch. American's are media savvy. Most can decide what not to watch on their own. But here, just in case, are some bad reviews.

Before Spider-man 3 blew it out the sea water, Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest held the record for best opening day money maker. The third installment of the peg legged, wooden eyed, Disney Sea Adventure has garnered mixed reviews. Critics said it was confusing. I didn't find myself confused by the plot - I simply disliked certain aspects, and hated the ending. To avoid spoilers, I won't go into great detail. I'll simply say, why introduce a character as powerful as a goddess, and then make her disappear? Why finish off the fantastic villain Davy Jones, played admirably by British actor Bill Nighy, who I'm convinced can do anything with such little pomp and circumstance? And why create an ending for the enormous franchise with anything inspiring

less than cheering and mad applause? I found these decisions confusing, but the plot I followed just fine.

I can't say, "Don't watch Pirates 3," because you have to see it in order to gain closure. It is also moderately entertaining. And, I do believe it is closure you'll feel, because though another sequel would be easy to make, this movie wasn't good enough to keep us hungry. Knowing Disney, if there is another film, it'll be animated, and it'll lose its adult audience.

I also rented a movie last week that was absolutely terrible. To keep with my own positive character, I'll relay the good news first. I am a big fan of young actor Ryan Gosling. Though not as polished as some of his pretty boy peers, Gosling has certainly developed appeal

with the ladies. 2004 chick flick "The Notebook" has easily been his greatest success. A part in the crime thriller "Murder by Numbers" also added to his ability to play the bad boy. It was the tough to watch "Half Nelson" a drama about race relations and a struggling drug addict school teacher that snagged Gosling an Academy Award nom and recent pleaser




The confusing, the bad, the ugly

"Fracture" that has cemented his leading man status.

You can understand, then, why I'd rent something simply because the talented actor was in the cast. The film of which I speak is simply titled "Stay" and also stars more than capable actors Ewan McGregor and Naomi Watts. Though their collective performances are good, they don't save the picture, in my opinion.


Stay is supposed to be about a psychologist struggling to save a disturbed patient who can somehow tell the future, from killing himself. He only has three days to do it and starts to lose his own grip on reality, the further mixed up with the troubled youth he gets. This is what the film appears to be about and viewers struggle without release to try to figure out the clue, the hitch, and the reason behind what they're watching. Spoilers will follow this time. In the end you discover...none of what you've watched has really happened. It was all senseless traffic just to lead you to the truth of the matter, Ryan Gosling's character is already dead and not because he killed himself either. The whole story was just something in his own dying imagination made up of the last people he sees before dying. The only reason behind it might be to bring two people together in a love relationship, but does that even make any sense or make up for the fact you've spent two hours watching something that never really happened? For me, it did not. I would absolutely tell you NOT to watch this movie.



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Baked Potatoes	Sweet Potato Pie	Grilled Cheese Sandwich
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